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NEW BRUNSWICK OUTLOOK

Now that both parties have their full list of candidates in the field in New Brunswick it may not be out of place to review the situation briefly, and discover as near as possible the probable results at the polls on Oct. 26th.

In the last parliament the Liberals held eight of the New Brunswick seats—namely: Restigouche, Gloucester, Northumberland, Kent, Westmorland, St. John city and county, Carleton and Victoria-Madawaska, while the Conservatives held five—Kings-Albert, Charlotte, St. John city, York and Sunbury-Queens.

What is the present outlook? Even Conservatives admit there will be a solid North Shore for the Liberals, this group of constituencies embracing the five from Restigouche to Westmorland, both inclusive.

No one doubts that Dr. Pugsley will carry St. John city and county, and there is good prospect that Mr. Pender will win the city seat from Dr. Daniel.

In Victoria-Madawaska both parties agree that Mr. Michaud will easily defeat Col. Baker, so that even leaving out St. John city, there are seven seats absolutely sure for the Liberals.

In Carleton, Sunbury-Queens, York, Charlotte and Kings-Albert, while the fight is a hard one, and the results possibly doubtful, the Liberals have an excellent prospect of winning all five seats, and are positively sure of at least three, which would give them eleven of the thirteen seats in the whole province.

However, Mr. Carvell's friends do not put Carleton in the doubtful column. Hon. Mr. Jones, who knows the county well, says Mr. Carvell will have a substantial majority, while in York the Liberals are making great inroads on the Tory party, and confidently expect to wipe Mr. Crockett's 162 majority of the last election out.

It seems to be pretty well understood that Mr. Fowler's goose is cooked in Kings-Albert, that Col. McLean has the enemy thoroughly scared in Sunbury-Queens, with every prospect of winning, and that Mr. Todd has good reason for believing that he will defeat Mr. Ganong in Charlotte.

This then is a fairly accurate review of the situation nearly three weeks before polling, and the Liberal prospects are improving every day. The assault on Dr. Pugsley, which the muckrakers depended upon to gain votes for the Tories has spent itself, the Minister of Public Works has met the charges against him, and effectively answered them, and the canvas of the Tory stumblers is no longer effective.

The hypocrisy of the local government, its unfulfilled pledges, its catering to the worst elements of the party in making public appointments, the obnoxious double road tax law, the dismissal of worthy Liberal officials, have all tended towards restoring to the Liberals the men of that party who voted last March to put Mr. Hazen into power, and a united Liberal party, and many dissatisfied Conservatives will go to the polls to endorse the splendid record of Laurier and the Liberal government.

ONE OF THE ISSUES

There is no doubt that this constituency is in rebellion against the further domination of the Crocketts, who have persuaded themselves that the public interests must be made subservient to their personal demands.

It would require more than a microscopic examination to discover any practical advantage York has received from the domination of these people, while the benefits extended to them are written large in the public accounts of the country.

Three members of the family are public beneficiaries to a large extent, and their present campaign is for the purpose of retaining their grip on the public treasures.

To accomplish that they are calling their opponents grafters, liars and thieves, but it is the kind of argument that will not influence the electors of York to perpetuate the Crockett dynasty with their penchant for dipping deep into the public treasury.

Every vote cast for Mr. Brown, the Liberal candidate in this constituency, will be a protest against further nurturing the Crocketts, as the public treasury—a protest against the dirty methods which they have introduced into politics in York, against the campaign of abuse and slander which they set up against any and every man who dares oppose their incursions into the revenues of the country.

CURRENT COMMENT.

Wouldn't it be a public calamity for Carleton to send a man like Frank Smith to parliament instead of Frank B. Carvell?

The Supreme court of Canada has upheld the judgment of the New Brunswick Supreme court declaring that the salaries of Dominion civil servants are taxable for civic purposes.

Mr. Fred Sproul is still a member of the legislature, and so is Mr. W. B. Dickson (Albert), while Mr. Hazen and other Tories go around the country spouting on personal and political purity.

Coun. Gordon Grant, in a letter published elsewhere, gives the lie direct to the local graft organ's allegation respecting the Councilor's reasons for supporting Mr. Brown in this election.

Hon. John P. Burchill, who is in the city today, says he has no doubt that Mr. Loggie will carry Northumberland by a substantial majority, and he expects that all North Shore counties will go Liberal.

The desperate condition of Mr. Wilmot's cause at Rusgornish is indicated by the fact that Premier Hazen and two of his colleagues in the government found it necessary to harangue the electors of that locality last night, in the Tory candidate's interest.

Having found it impossible to convince St. John electors by appealing to their intellects, the Tory leaders in that constituency are appealing to the stomachs of the voters. The Borden club had a free feed last night, giving away sandwiches, beer, biscuits, cake, coffee, tobacco and cigars.

Hon. Thomas Macnutt, a former Campbellton man, who has been prominent in western politics, was speaker of the first Saskatchewan legislature, and was re-elected to that body in the recent elections, has resigned his seat and accepted the Liberal nomination in Saltcoats, Sask., for parliament.

Mr. Hazen's "Uncle Harry" is still at work in the public works department, while men who labored hard to put Mr. Hazen in power and have got nothing in return, are compelled to witness the Premier's relative drawing \$75 a month from the treasury for what? "Uncle Harry" was brought all the way from Boston to fill a government job.

Mr. James Robinson, former Conservative M. P., for Northumberland, takes such a warm interest in Mr. Donald Morrison's campaign in that constituency that he has gone west on a business and pleasure excursion, to be absent until after the elections. Poor Donald, even his own political associates are leaving him severely alone.

It is related that the last session of the legislature was scarcely fairly opened before a newspaper director supporting the Hazen government demanded and received a cheque for \$600 as an advance on work which had not then been even commenced, and yet the present Tory campaign is made largely on a basis that it was wrong for the late local government to make advances to its friends.

Mr. Hazen is making his government a mere donkey engine to the Tory party in federal politics. Yesterday the government was in session presumably to attend to the public business. Its members were staying at their hotel at the public expense, and yet they were able to adjourn their session that the Premier and three of his colleagues might go into the country and stump for Tory candidates.

Mr. Hazen is realizing that his double tax road law is bringing discredit and opposition to his government and to the Tory candidates in this election. At Hibernia, Queen's county, last week, he said that "it might be that the road appropriations would accomplish so much work that it would not be necessary to increase the road taxes. Mr. Hazen, by his act of last session, has already doubled the road taxes.

MARRIED.

At the home of the bride's uncle, Mr. W. A. Clark, South Fortieth Street, Tacoma, Wash., U. S. A., on September 9th, Lalon B. Cowles of that city to Lottie Clark Alexander, daughter of G. W. Alexander of Blissfield, N. B.

On Sept. 30th at the residence of Mrs. A. E. Cliff, "Kingsnorth", Kingsclear, by the Rev. Canon Montgomery, rector, John L. Simms of Los Angeles, to Annie C., eldest daughter of the late A. E. Cliff of Kingsclear.

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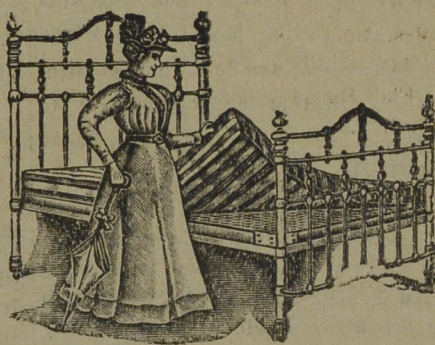
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